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2-wheelers account for 50% of total theft cases in state; lack of secure parking spaces and inbuilt tracking mechanism to blame

EASY RIDERS

Punishment for bike thefts not stringent enough, argue citizens

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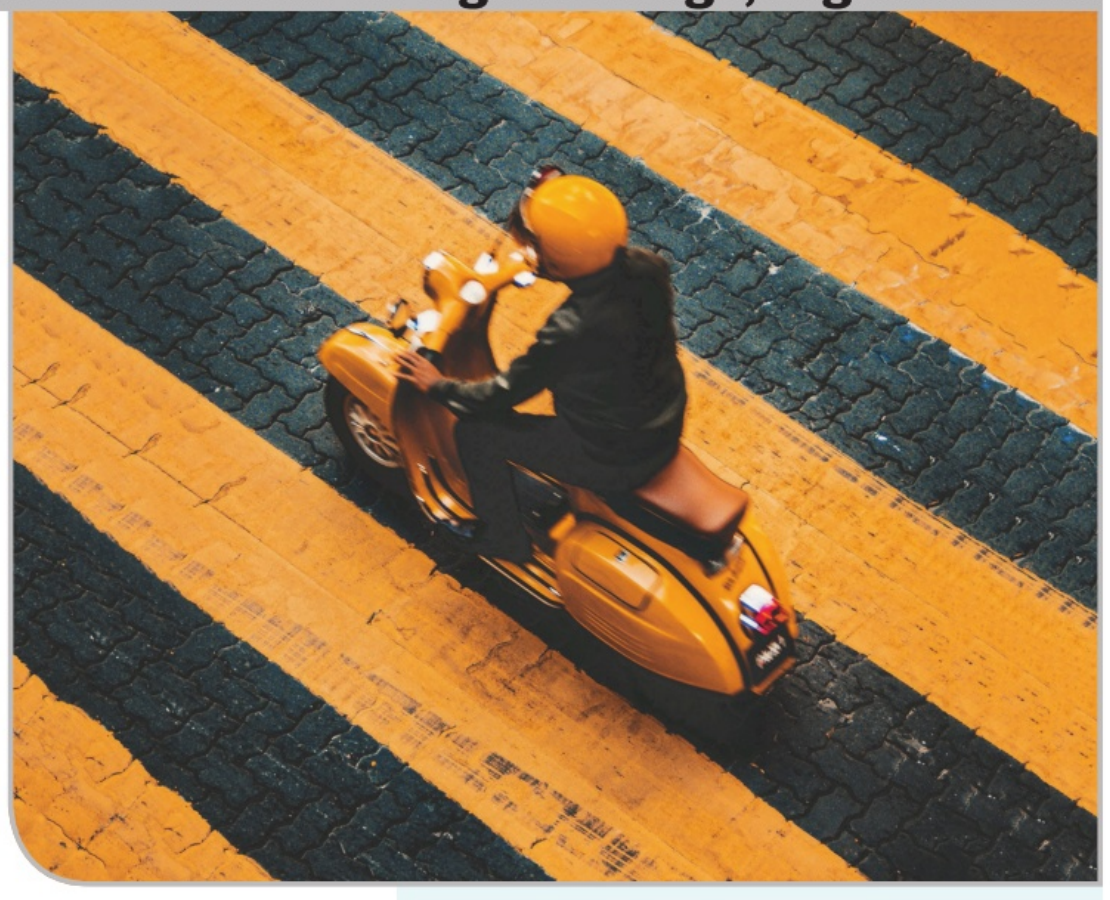

Theft of two-wheelers accounted for 50 per cent of the total theft cases recorded in the state in 2023. According to the data by the Karnataka police, a total of 6,485 cases are registered for theft (section 379 to 389 IPC) as of April 2023, in which theft of two wheelers accounted for 3,295 cases.

When the number is compared with theft of other vehicles, it shows that there are 73 cases for car/jeep theft, four for buses, 44 for lorries/trucks, and 79 for three wheelers.

The state has also registered 76 cases of theft of accessories of motor vehicles.

But the increasing theft of two wheelers is not only due to the increase in the number of vehicles in the state, but other aspects like lack of parking spaces and no security system in the vehicle are also to blame.

Raghavendra HS, President, Karnataka State Motorists' Association (KSMA), says that due to lack of security features in the old models of the two wheelers, it is easier to steal it.

"Two wheelers are easy to take out and can't be traced. The new generation of the two wheelers have come up with the tracking system in the vehicle, but the old models don't have that system. However, cars have multi tracking systems," he said.

He added that most of the two wheelers that are stolen are sold in rural Karnataka where people don't check for verification or documents.

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> **"Authorities should maintain a record and get the vehicles authenticated to know whether it is a stolen vehicle or is with the real owner**
>
> — Raghavendra HS, Karnataka State Motorists' Association

Lay down your arms

BBMP warns of strict action against shop-owners who trim/axe trees to give more visibility to their establishments

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After the Forest Department of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) received multiple complaints against shop owners cutting avenue trees for better visibility of their establishments, the department has warned of strict action against the perpetrators.

According to Sarina Sikkaligar, Deputy Conservator of Forests (DCF), BBMP, citizens have recently filed many such complaints in the recent past, and the civic agency has taken up some of the cases and registered FIRs against the offenders. She also informed BM that no permission has been issued by the department to any shop owner in the city to axe trees or trim the branches.

"We have been receiving complaints from citizens against shop owners in various parts of the city cutting trees and trimming branches without our permission. We have not granted any such permission to any shop owner in the city. We have filed an FIR against an upcoming jewelry store in Jayanagar's 4th block for cutting an old avenue tree in front of their store. Shop owners must abstain from cutting trees and trimming

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Government faces heat over unpaid bills

Contractors urge CM to expedite payments, express concerns over ministerial permissions

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This Wednesday, the state government issued an order to require ministerial permissions for clearing pending bills of ongoing developmental projects. The order stated that the officials can clear the bills of ongoing developmental works after verifying the veracity of the bills and availing permission from the ministers concerned. The Karnataka State Contractors' Association has submitted a memorandum to Chief Minister Siddaramaiah appealing to clear the pending bills. On May 26, Siddaramaiah ordered to stop projects initiated by the previous government. "It is not fair to refer the pending bills of the works completed to the ministers. We submitted a memorandum to the Chief Minister to commence clearing pending bills.

The latest government order to avail permission from the ministers would delay the payments to the contractors," said Karnataka State Contractors' Association president D Kempanna.

On June 13, the Karnataka State Contractors' Association submitted a memorandum to the Chief Minister requesting him to clear the pending bills of contractors. The memorandum stated that the state government has to clear pending bills worth Rs 20,000 crore.

"Our demand was to clear the pending bills as many contractors have been facing a lot of problems due to the inordinate delay in clearing pending bills. What is the use of issuing a government order directing the officials to get permission from the minister concerned? It will delay the process of clearing the pending bills," said a contractor on the condition of anonymity.

> **"Our demand was to clear the pending bills as many contractors have been facing problems due to the inordinate delay**
> – Contractor

Meanwhile, Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) Contractors' Association president KT Manjunath said that the contractors working with the civic body are finding it tough to cope with financial burden due to the delay in clearing the pending bills. "The BBMP has to clear pending bills worth Rs 2,500 crore. We have to wait for the BBMP Chief Commissioner's decision on clearing the pending bills," said Manjunath.

The state government has issued an order to require ministerial permissions for clearing pending bills of ongoing developmental projects

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4 THINGS TO DO

01 Music of devotion

Join the crowd for the 13th edition of Bolava Vitthal, a captivating musical concert celebrating Ashadhi Ekadashi, brought to you by Pancham Nishad. Experience mesmerising renditions of ancient abhangs at the Chowdiah Memorial Hall on July 2 at 5:30 pm. Renowned vocalists Ranjani-Gayatri and Jayateerth Mevundi will create a divine atmosphere, immersing you in the devotion of Lord Vitthal. Tickets on Bookmyshow..
When: July 2; Where: Chowdiah Memorial Hall

02 Crafts from Rajasthan

Experience the vibrant Grand Rajasthan Exhibition at White House, Sector 6, next to BDA Complex HSR Layout, from June 29 to July 9. Discover a stunning assortment of handlooms, dress materials, sarees, jewellery, textiles, paintings, and more, all crafted by rural weavers from different parts of India. Immerse yourself in the rich cultural heritage of Gujarat with colourful Bandhani fabrics and jute-muslin saris. Don't miss this opportunity to explore traditional craftsmanship in contemporary lifestyle products. For further details, contact Pramod at 8951899961.**When: June 29-July 9**
Where: White House, Sector 6

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04 Concert corner

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Not official, but fake app trap everywhere

Even before state govt can launch app for Gruha Lakshmi scheme, several apps using the name are available

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The State Government is yet to officially launch the Gruha Lakshmi app, but several fake apps on the scheme have appeared on the Google Play Store, causing confusion among the public. Officials are facing difficulty in convincing people that the official app has not been released yet, and cautioning them against falling for fake apps. Furthermore, there is currently no app available to apply to the Gruha Jyoti scheme, although multiple apps for Gruha Lakshmi can be found on the Play Store.

According to an official, "We have been receiving numerous queries and complaints from individuals who have been deceived by registering on these apps. We have clearly informed them that we have not launched any app for Gruha Jyoti. In fact, to apply for Gruha Jyoti and avail of 200 units of free power, individuals need to log in to the Seva Sindhu web browser using the provided link. There is no app available. During every press release regarding Gruha Jyoti registrations, we have been warning people about fake apps and advising them to be cautious."

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All the apps using Gruha Lakshmi Scheme in its name are unofficial

A cyber expert commented that it was ironic that even before the government could officially launch the app, several fake apps with the same name have already emerged. "The government should file a complaint and shut down such apps to prevent people who wish to register early from falling into their trap. These fake apps may acquire sensitive information from users, which can be dangerous. Numerous fake registration links for Gruha Jyoti are already circulating," the expert said.

Meanwhile, many individuals are becoming victims of fraud even at cyber centres. Bhagya S, a woman who intended to apply for Gruha Jyoti, shared her experience, "We were charged Rs 150 per application. We paid the money, but the application was not filed at all. We did not receive a docket number either. A private company has established a help desk and it is defrauding people in the name of the Gruha Jyoti scheme. They collected all our documents and were seen filling out challans, promising beneficiaries that they would receive money, but many have been deceived. This was even observed in Ballari district, where more than 37 people were cheated. When we inquired, we discovered it was all fake."

Minister for Women and Child Welfare Laxmi Hebbalkar said that the cabinet has approved the Gruha Jyoti scheme, and an official app will be launched. She assured that the app launch will occur soon, once the server issues with Gruha Jyoti are resolved, as in the Gruha Lakshmi app, it too will also be linked to the Seva Sindhu portal. The increase in server load could impact its performance.

As of Wednesday evening, 77,20,207 applications have been received for Gruha Jyoti., with BESCOM alone accounting for 31,55,367 applications.

> **"Government should file a complaint and shut down such apps to prevent those who wish to register early from falling into the trap** –Cyber expert

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Not so signal-free

Corridor connecting ASC Centre with Hope Farm Junction causes traffic congestion

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Residents complained that the ISRO Junction is built so wide that it looks like it is built to hold up traffic rather than facilitate movement; shopkeepers occupying footpaths allegedly further exacerbate the issue

Signal-free corridors are aimed at alleviating traffic congestion and improving the movement of vehicles on Old Airport Road (HAL Airport Road). The signal-free corridor connecting ASC Centre with Hope Farm Junction is causing traffic congestion instead at Manipal Hospital Junction, ISRO Junction, and between Yemalur Traffic Junction and Marathahalli.

Residents of Murugeshpalya, Vinayaka Nagar, and other areas, as well as motorists, complain that the Rs 149-crore signal-free corridor is not serving its purpose.

They said one of the major issues plaguing the corridor is inadequate drainage infrastructure, leading to flooding of underpasses during rains. This poses a significant danger to motorists who rely on these roads for their daily commute. They mentioned that the underpass constructed at the HAL main gate, which was meant to improve traffic flow, has become a potential hazard during the monsoon season. Urgent measures are required to address this problem, such as improving drainage systems and enhancing the safety features of underpasses.

TK Bharath, a resident of Murugeshpalya, said the expansion of lanes in the junction has not translated into improved traffic flow due to encroachments and mismanagement. "Traffic is being accumulated at Manipal Hospital Junction and ISRO Junction. One has to wait for more than five minutes to pass through these junctions. There is no footpath on both sides of the road," he said.

> **"The underpass grade separator has only increased traffic congestion, moving from HAL to clogging up the next 3 junctions** – Vinod Jacob, Namma Bengaluru Foundation

Residents complained that the ISRO Junction is built so wide that it looks like it is built to hold up traffic rather than facilitate movement. The junction resembles a four-lane expressway. They alleged that shopkeepers occupying footpaths and cycle lanes further exacerbate the issue, leaving pedestrians with limited space to walk safely. They also mentioned that the closure of the U-turn at Visvesvaraya School Junction has resulted in rampant wrong-way driving and two-wheeler riders using footpaths and cycle lanes during peak hours.

Although there is not much traffic congestion at HAL Junction, there is no relief for motorists proceeding towards Marathahalli or coming from Marathahalli towards HAL. "During peak hours, one needs 30 minutes to cover the 2-km stretch," said Hemanth Kumar, a commuter.

Vinod Jacob of Namma Bengaluru Foundation said that traffic congestion in busy junctions is a challenge that demands proactive solutions. "We need to embrace advanced traffic management technologies, prioritise efficient infrastructure design in the Indian context, and promote responsible driving and discipline. The underpass grade separator that was built has only increased traffic congestion, moving from HAL Junction to clogging up the next three junctions of ISRO, Manipal Hospital, and up to Domlur," he said.

Making moves to enhance city road safety

BBMP now under jurisdiction of Karnataka Road Safety Authority following cabinet meeting

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A recent cabinet meeting has decided to place the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) under the jurisdiction of the Karnataka Road Safety Authority to enhance road safety in Bengaluru. In 2015, the state government adopted the Karnataka State Road Safety Policy, followed by the Karnataka State Road Safety Authority Act, 2017. This Act established the Karnataka State Road Safety Authority (KSRSA) with the aim of implementing road safety policies.

The KSRSA's primary objective was to reduce accidents and mortality rates by 25 per cent and 30 per cent, respectively, by 2020. Currently, the authority includes various departments such as police, transport, education, health, public works, panchayat raj, and the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI), working together to ensure road safety for commuters.

With the inclusion of BBMP in this plan, it will have a platform to address road safety concerns. Officials have emphasised the government's intention to reduce road accidents, deaths, and injuries in the city.

The Karnataka Road Safety Authority is responsible for road safety management, ensuring safe road infrastructure, promoting safe vehicles, improving road user behaviour, and providing post-crash care to victims. The road safety policy entails various proposals, including the establishment of a multi-road safety lead agency at state and district levels, strengthening the road crash database system, developing safe road infrastructure, conducting regular road safety audits, increasing road safety awareness, enhancing enforcement levels, ensuring timely medical services, and providing increased financial protection for survivors.

Traffic congestion along Sankey Road; Officials have emphasised the government's intention to reduce road accidents, deaths in the city

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Water paradox: Give & take with neighbours

City dependent on neighbouring districts for fresh water, yet supplying treated wastewater in return

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B'luru's treated wastewater lifeline for neighbouring district lakes

Bengaluru, a city heavily dependent on neighbouring districts for its fresh water supply from the Cauvery River, has found itself playing a crucial role in meeting the non-drinking water needs of those very districts. The treated wastewater from Bengaluru is now being used to replenish lakes in parched districts, and while it has shown promising results in raising the water table, concerns and controversies surrounding the quality of the treated water.

Bengaluru receives 1,850 MLD (million litres per day) of water from the Cauvery River. Out of this, a staggering 80 per cent (1,450 MLD) is converted into wastewater. Among the wastewater, 40 per cent flows through the Koramangala Challaghatta Valley, while 37 per cent flows to the Vrishabhavathi Valley, and the remaining portion goes to the Hebbal Nagawara valleys.

Essentially, out of the 1,450 MLD of wastewater generated in Bengaluru City, 1,248 MLD of treated water is pumped to the neighbouring districts such as Kolar, Chikkaballapur, Bengaluru Rural, Bengaluru Urban, and Tumakur districts to replenish their lakes. In the upcoming phase, there are plans to supply treated water from the Vrishabhavathi valley to Tumakur, Chikkaballapur, Nelamangala, Doddaballapur, and Devanahalli, catering to 259 lakes. This project is estimated to cost Rs 1,081 crore, with the first phase aimed at filling up 70 lakes.

Through the KC Valley project, treated water has been used to fill up 126 lakes over the past four years, resulting in an increase in the water table. On a daily basis, 30 crore litres of water are pumped from Bengaluru to Naraspura and Kakshmi Sagara lakes, which are then distributed to downstream lakes via gravity. Boseraju has discussed the demand from farmers to further treat the water and has addressed complaints of frothing in certain lakes with officials.

Sources indicate that Bengaluru's treated wastewater has successfully raised the water table in neighbouring parched districts. Approximately eight TMC (Thousand Million Cubic feet) of treated water is pumped from sewage treatment plants at Bellandur and Varthur to facilitate this initiative. However, the project has not been without controversies. Some organisations have raised concerns about the presence of arsenic in the treated water, which they claim could have adverse effects on human and animal health. On the other hand, officials have denied these claims and stated that the treated water meets the required quality standards.

Former Chief Minister HD Kumaraswamy said, "There is a significant decline in crop production among farmers in Kolar, Chikkaballapur, and Bengaluru Rural districts. As a result, we are now heavily relying on agricultural produce from Tumakur and Chitradurga districts. We need to analyse the causes behind the crop failures in Kolar and Chikkaballapur districts. Tomatoes that were previously transported from Kolar to Bangladesh by train, with the product remaining intact for 48 hours. However current scenario indicates that the tomatoes start rotting within 36 hours, leading to their return", he said, blaming the city's treated water for the decline in the quality of the produce.

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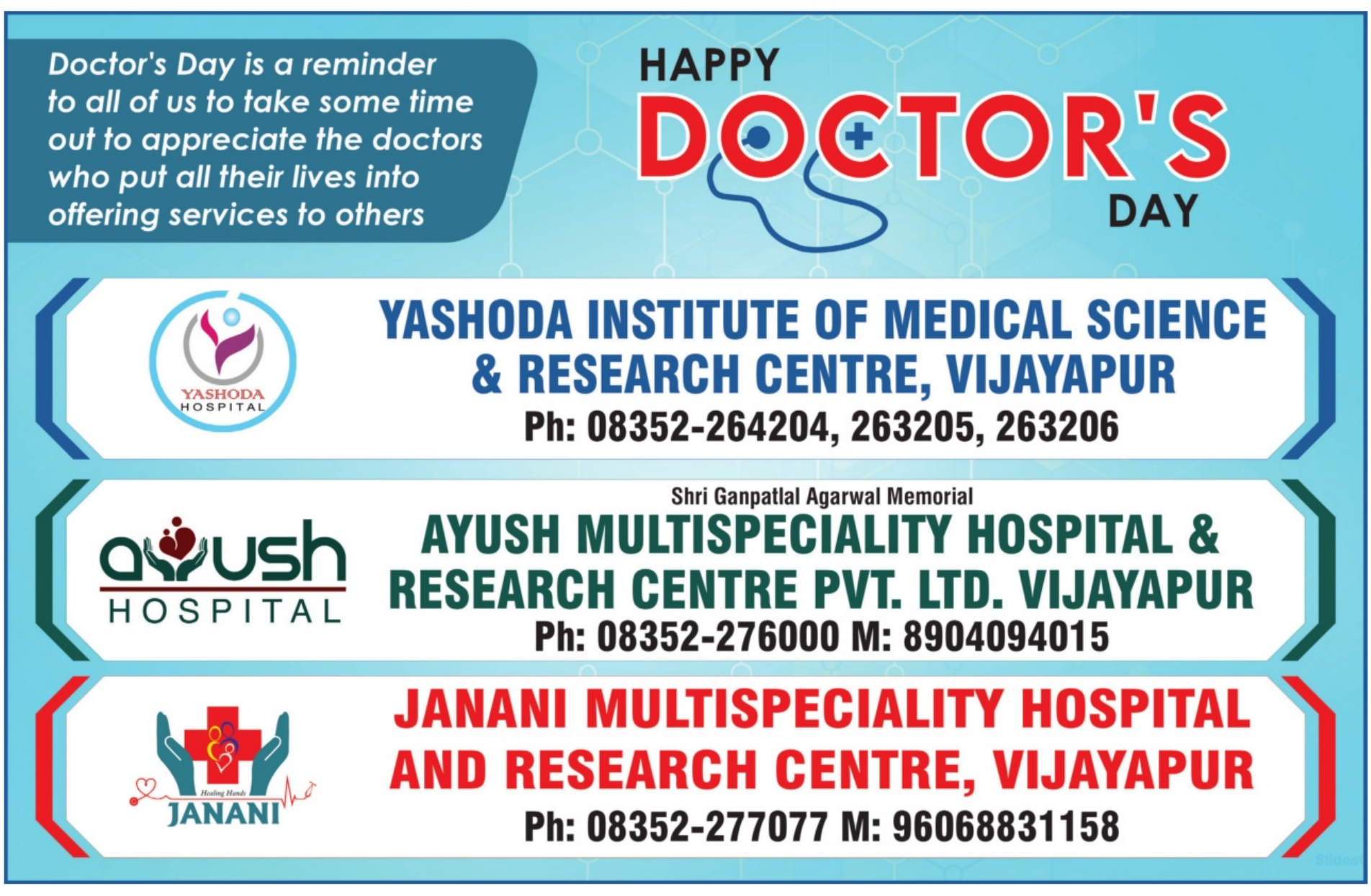
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I, Chandana Jain Goutham Chand W/o. Ashish Ganna, D.O.B: 28.07.1994, R/o No. 130,9th main 4th cross Indian Oil Petrol Bunk Gokula 1st Stage 2nd Phase Bengaluru-560054 , have changed my name to Chandana Jain, vide affidavit dated: 23.06.2023 before notary Chandrakala, Bengaluru.

I, Vidhya Ranjit Kumar W/o Ranjit Kumar Manmadhan Nair R/o 604, Aastha Valmark, Classic Orchards Layout, BG Road, Bengaluru, have changed my minor son's name about 13 years, from Rakshith Nair R alias Rakshith Nair Ranjit Kumar to Rakshith Nair.

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Muslims offering prayers on Bakrid at Eidgah maidan in Chamarajpet, on Thursday

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'Cases will be filed, shops shut'

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branches or cases will be filed, and their shops will be shut," warned Sikkaligar. Residents across the city say shops removing trees for better visibility has become common. They highlight that trees are being chopped and branches are being trimmed in broad daylight, without any strict action from the authorities concerned.

"The jewelry shop in Jayanagar removed an old tree a few weeks ago and we raised the issue with BBMP's Forest Department. While it has been more than two weeks since the tree was axed, no action has been taken so far. Such cases should be taken up seriously by the department and offenders should be fined heavily to ensure such violations are not repeated in the future," said Vijay Nishant, a resident of the area and founder of Project Vruksha.

As per Karnataka High Court's order passed a couple of years ago and the Karnataka Preservation of Tree Act, 1976, a tree cannot be cut or damaged unless it is an imminent danger to life and property. Even the DCF cannot grant permission to cut trees unless it meets the above condition. Any requests to axe trees are to be reviewed by the tree expert committee put in place through the High Court order.

Yet another instance of shopkeepers harming avenue trees has been highlighted by residents of Koramangala. Janet Yegneswaran, a resident of Koramangala, says many avenue trees in the area are tightly wrapped by neon light strips leading to the main trunk losing sap and dying slowly. This is followed up by shop owners removing the branches, leaving behind a dead stump.

"I have recently noticed bundles of branches chopped by shopkeepers and kept on the sidewalk for days altogether. Shops across the city are damaging the avenue trees by wrapping light strips tightly around the main trunk and removing branches covering their shops. There are no above-the-ground electric wires on the stretch, too; thus, there is no chance of any danger to life and property. BBMP must fine these shop owners," said Yegneswaran.

Lokayukta raids: Tehsildar arrested

Karnataka Lokayukta sleuths have arrested Tehsildar Ajith Rai following the raids on his residence and properties in Bengaluru and Dakshina Kannada districts, said officials. Sources said that the sleuths found Rs 40 lakh cash and Rs 1.90 crore worth of valuables. The authorities have also seized documents relating to 100 acres of properties in and around Bengaluru. These properties were purchased in benami names of the accused officers' friends, and relatives, sources said.

The Lokayukta had got information about Ajith Rai owning four Fortuner vehicles, four Thar jeeps and a Land Cruiser. The authorities extracted the purchasing bill of a Land Cruiser worth Rs 2.5 crore. They said that the accused officer was not forthcoming with the information on this luxury vehicle following which details were gathered for seizure of the vehicle. The sleuths also got the information that the officer was using a Rolls Royce vehicle. "Rai had bought 95 acres in Doddaballapur town. He had purchased 35 to 40 acres of farm in his brother's name in Devanahalli, near International Airport," sources disclosed.

– IANS

Anganwadi workers demand updated mobile phones

Nearly 60,000 mobile phones used by Anganwadi workers need to be replaced by the government, failing which the anganwadi union has threatened to stop health surveys. For various surveys and tasks assigned to anganwadi workers, they are required to use smartphones, but outdated devices are hampering their work. In cases where work is not submitted digitally, officials threaten to cut the salary of the workers. "These phones were provided by the central government four years ago. They don't work properly, and apps don't download and constantly hang. As per Digital India, we have to upload the activities and training are not uploaded digitally. Without work getting uploaded, officials are issuing notices. We had requested this in the last budget," said S Varalakshmi, Centre of Indian Trade Unions president. — BMB

3,295 2-wheeler thefts as of April 2023

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"Authorities should maintain a record and get the vehicles authenticated to know if it is a stolen vehicle or if it belongs to and is with the owner. When it comes to cosmopolitan cities like Bengaluru, there is checking of documents, but it's seldom done in rural areas," said Raghavendra.

He says that it's not possible for the police to keep a track of everything as he claims that there are 80 lakh two wheelers in the city, and almost 2 crore in the state. Ajay Kumar, a citizen said that one of the major reasons behind increasing cases, is that the culprits know that they can get out on bail and they go back to their old ways of making easy money.

"When my bike was stolen, I got it back a year later and got to know that the people who stole it are repeat offenders. They are aware that in petty thefts like these, they will get out of jail quickly and they don't want to give up making easy money. There is a need for stringent law that once someone is caught for theft, they are put in jail for a longer time," he said. He adds that most of the houses that are given on rent don't have parking facilities, so people are forced to park their vehicles on the road, making them easy targets for the thieves.

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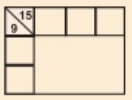
FARNAZ

SOLVE IT IN A MINUTE

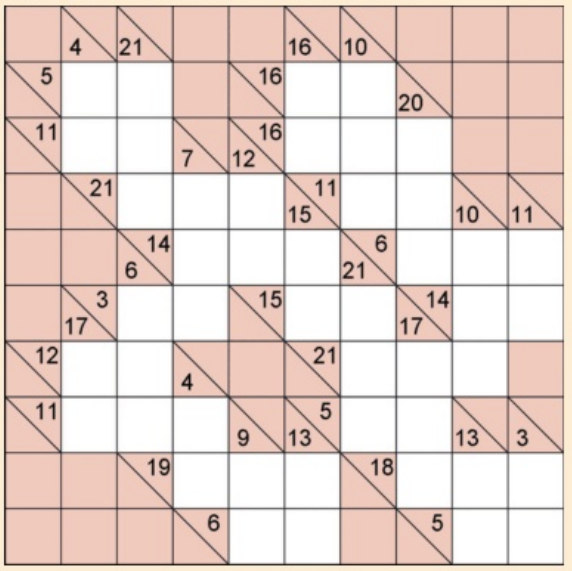
A committee of 4 members must be chosen at random from 7 girls and 10 boys. What is the probability of having as many girls as boys in the committee?

Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.



Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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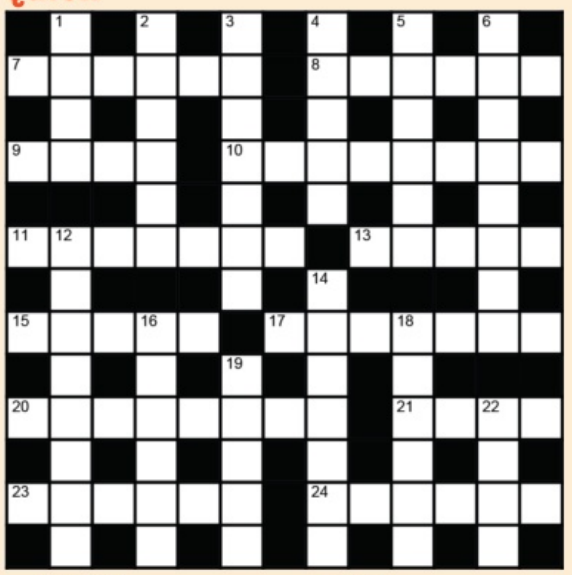


ACROSS

7 Telangana's tongue? (6)
8 Sort of beetle (6)
9 Commotion (2-2)
10 Arabic ____ : 1,2,3, etc.? (8)
11 More astute or cleverer? (7)
13 On a level with the water? (5)
15 Sigmund ___ : father of psychoanalysis? (5)
17 Grand house (7)
20 ____ hold of : grasping or seizing? (8)
21 Fruit drinks (4)
23 The Irish are part of this race (6)
24 Seized suddenly (6)

DOWN

1 Short note (4)
2 Unconfirmed gossip (6)
3 Rabbits (7)
4 9/11 mastermind (5)
5 Common perennial herb (6)
6 One of Jupiter's moons (8)
12 Princess ____ : Queen Elizabeth's sister? (8)
14 Hanging loosely (7)
16 Famous landmark on the corner of Kasturba road and Vittal Mallya Road (2,4)
18 Threadbare (6)
19 Obstacle or snag (5)
22 Ogled or looked at (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: A EQUALS O

AOZ LYR UZYV PO UVAOJ AU Y QAYJ, PO DYTN AU Y EHBZ, YOK AO ZFZVI RPKZ AU Y UAAB.

Linemaro

Come, let us make love deathless

Mindchow

Bad times have a scientific value. These are occasions a good learner would not miss

Joke of the day

Money doesn't buy happiness? It does buy a jet ski. Have you ever seen a sad person on a jet ski?

Loop

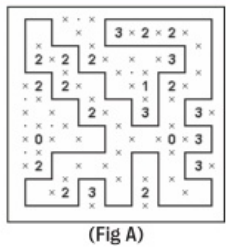
Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.

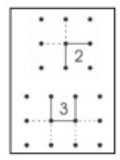
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

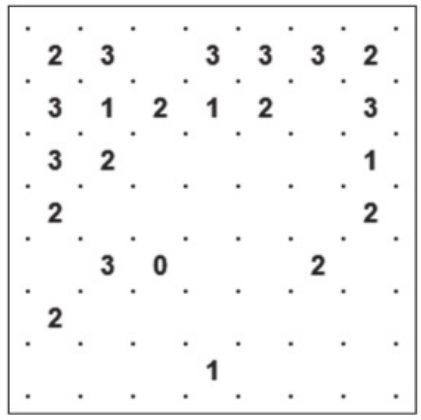
Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



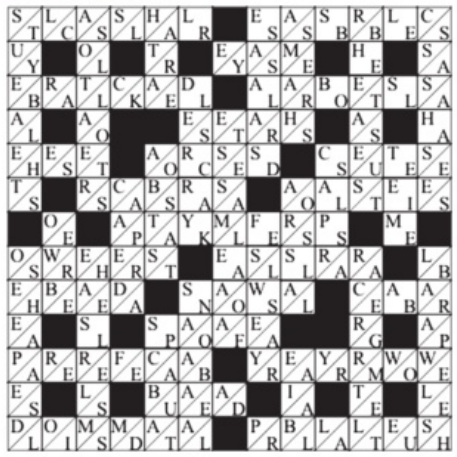
(Fig A)



(Fig B) Not Allowed



Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...

1	2	3	4	5
6				U
7				
8				
9				

ACROSS

1 Do law; 6 A due I; 7 Id Vat; 8 Eg set; 9 Armed

DOWN

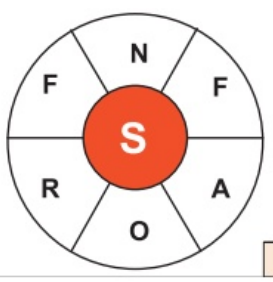
1 Dew ad; 2 A egad; 3 Viler; 4 Dimes; 5 A tout

Mensapuzzle

Move in any direction to find a 10-letter word; each letter must only be used once.

Z	D	S	L	H
X	J	O	P	W
E	Y	M	R	F
C	I	G	T	U
V	N	A	K	B

Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

03 Average; **04** Good; **05** Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

8			5		6			
	9	1		8				
		6		9		8		
	7	4	3				2	8
	1						5	
6	5				1	4	9	
		5		2		3		
				1		7	6	
			8		9			4

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

Easy = 16

4 5 7 8

Medium = 4

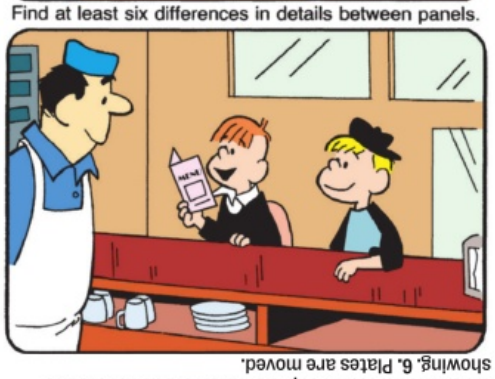
1 4 4 5

Hard = 6

2 6 7 5

Hocusfocus

Find at least six differences in details between panels.



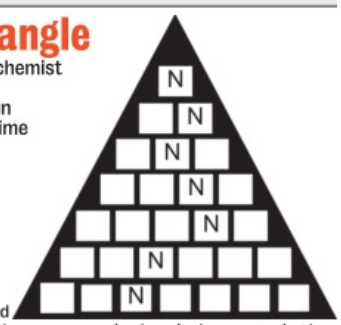
Differences: 1. Menu is smaller. 2. Button is added. 3. Hand is moved. 4. Cap is smaller. 5. Back of stool is showing. 6. Plates are moved.

Riddler

My story whispers ancient lore; The force at times my rings will hide. I've sixty minions, maybe more: Those unseen, these by my side. Wand'ring far from glowing light, Shape-shifting puzzles curious eyes; Oft my glorious rings shine bright, While men debate my family's size. My aspect seems to wax and wane, As the force dictates the deed; My namesake ruled vast fields of grain, But, legends tell, devoured his seed. What am I?

Alpha triangle

1 Nitrogen for the chemist
2 _ target
3 Indefinite pronoun
4 Long periods of time
5 Portents
6 Currencies
7 Charming



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

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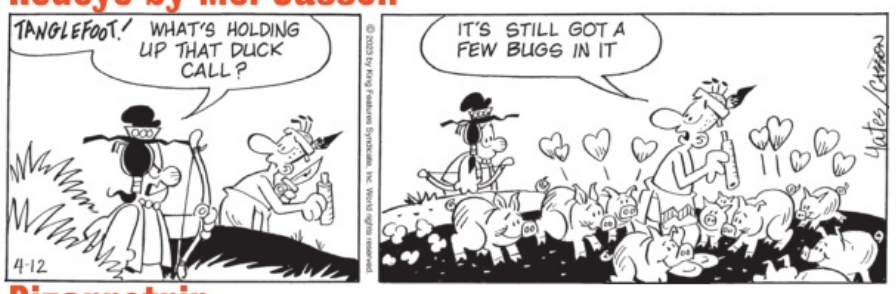

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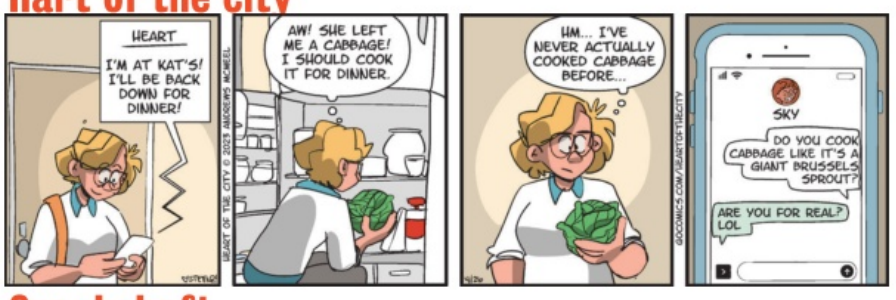
HEART
I'M AT KAT'S! I'LL BE BACK DOWN FOR DINNER!
AW! SHE LEFT ME A CABBAGE! I SHOULD COOK IT FOR DINNER.
HM... I'VE NEVER ACTUALLY COOKED CABBAGE BEFORE...
SKY
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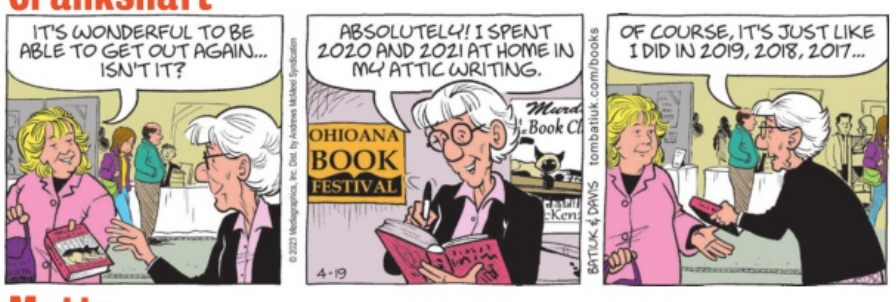
ARE YOU FOR REAL? LOL

Crankshaft


IT'S WONDERFUL TO BE ABLE TO GET OUT AGAIN... ISN'T IT?
ABSOLUTELY! I SPENT 2020 AND 2021 AT HOME IN MY ATTIC WRITING.
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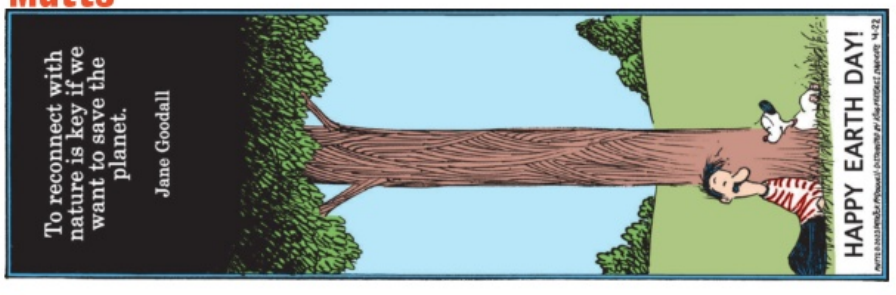
Mutts



WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today, you may be blessed by the moon. You may achieve a high position after your hard work. Your performance at work may improve. You may also meet an influential person who can provide you with valuable guidance to improve your life. You may manage your domestic issues easily, which will enhance harmony in your home life.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today, you may feel happy as things may be somewhat better. You may plan to visit a spiritual place, which can provide you with inner strength. Additionally, you may consider donating some amount to a charity. Expect some overseas travel opportunities for education or work. Couples may find their match suitable, while singles are likely to find their soulmate.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today, you may feel alone and find yourself in a process of self-analysis. You may expect changes in your position or location. Your patience may be tested multiple times, and being arrogant with the people around you can negatively affect your personal life. It is advised to avoid adventurous tours.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today, you may experience positive vibrations around you. Consider bringing some artifacts or household items to renovate your house. You may plan to start a new business in partnership and expect some long-distance travel. Making a commitment with your spouse will bring harmony to your domestic life.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today, you may perform at your best in the office. You may have a good rapport with your boss and receive new responsibilities through promotions. Chronic health issues may also be resolved, and you may receive incentives for your work. Disputes with siblings may be resolved, and job seekers may find new job opportunities.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today, your focus may be on your children's education, and you may plan for their higher studies. Couples may receive good news regarding their children. Consider updating yourself and making plans for higher studies to secure a promotion in your current job. Singles may find their soulmate. Those in education, consulting, and banking fields are likely to fare well.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today, you may feel dissatisfied and struggle to fulfill your responsibilities. Your investments may result in some losses. It is advised to carefully read documents before signing them. Elderly relatives' health may make you upset, and it is advisable to postpone house renovations for a while.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today, disputes with siblings may be settled, improving your relationship with them. Your vitality seems good, helping you complete difficult projects easily. After a short work-related trip, you may expand your network. Helping those in need can enhance your social status.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today, you may be busy with family get-togethers, and you may become more polite with those around you, improving your image among relatives and friends. Spending money on artifacts and other items can elevate your social status. Expect good news from a close relative.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today, blessings from elders may help you develop patience. Your focus may return, aiding you in achieving your goals. You may perform well in both business and domestic life. There will be a balance between expenditures and savings, boosting your savings.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today, you may experience some dissatisfaction, feeling lazy and dull, which can impact the speed of your ongoing projects or work, causing delays. Lovebirds are advised to avoid making important decisions regarding marriage. Job seekers may face disappointments in interviews.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today, your inner power may bring you happiness, resulting in short-term gains from investments. Building a good relationship with your boss may lead to promotions. Your prestige in society may increase, and work-related travel opportunities may arise.

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SOLUTIONS

SOLVE IN 1M
C(7,2) x C(10,2)
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= 7*3 + 5*9
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BULL'S EYE
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STRIKE OUT

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QUICK

MENSA PUZZLE
importance

RIDDLER
The planet Saturn

QUOTE UNCODE
One has fear in front of a goat, in back of a mule, and on every side of a fool.

SUDOKU

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ALPHA TRIANGLE
N, On, One, Eons, Omens, Monies, Winsome.

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Hard
5 – 7 + 6 + 2 = 6

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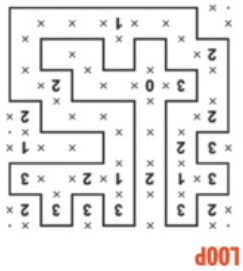

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The grip of vice

90 BIDI MANIG NADI

3.0 RATING ★★★☆☆

- **DIRECTOR** Nagaraj Arehole and Umesh Badaradinni
- **ACTORS** Vaijanath Biradar, Neetha Maindargi, Preethu Pooja
- **Duration** 114 minutes
- **Certification** A

90 Bidi Manig Nadi is the 500th movie for Vaijanath Biradar as an actor and it revolves around alcohol, drugs, illicit relationships, and murder.

The movie starts with Achanur police receiving an anonymous phone call informing them that somebody has attacked Pavithra (Preethu Pooja) at Vidyanagar. The scene then shifts to an isolated place where Dhananjay (Kari Subbu), a bank employee, and others are busy playing cards.

It is said Dhananjay, neck-deep in debt, wants to get back the money he lost in gambling. The director introduces another character – Sidda aka Siddalingu (Vaijanath Biradar), who sells incense sticks to eke out a living. He lives with Sundari (Neetha Maindargi), a sex worker. There is another character Raaghu (RD Babu) who neglects his wife Pavithra and embraces alcohol. His negligence leads to an illicit relationship between Santhu (Abhay Veer) and her. There is another character Shashi (Vivek Jambagi), who aims to become an artisan but spends time emptying liquor bottles and smoking cigarettes.

Meanwhile, Siddalingu ties the knot with Sundari at a temple. He promises her to stop drinking liquor. She feels very happy but he receives a phone call and he ends up behind the bars. What happens to Siddalingu and why he ended up behind the bars is what 90 Bidi Manig Nadi is all about.

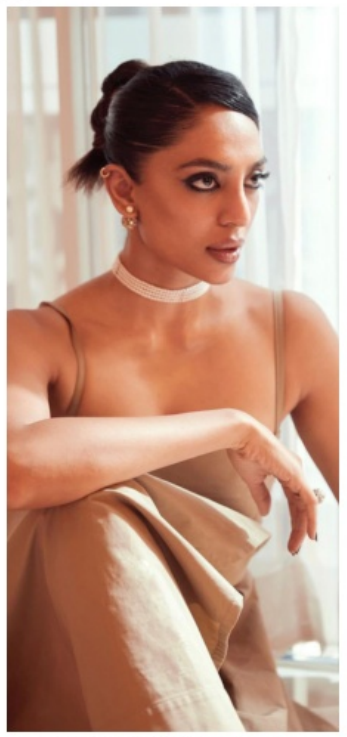
It is nice to see Vaijanath Biradar in the lead role. His dialogue delivery and body language are superb. He deserves a pat on the back for his dancing skills. Neetha Maindargi has acted well. Her performance in the special song is very good. Character actors Kari Subbu, Dharma, and Prashant Siddi have provided good support.

Directors Nagaraj Arehole and Umesh Badaradinni deserve appreciation for selecting a good subject for this movie. Both of them have succeeded in conveying the much-needed message to society.

It is worth watching by adults, especially those who are addicted to liquor and gambling under one pretext or another.

—Y Maheswara Reddy

Not your glam doll



Actor Sobhita Dhulipala says she always had a deep respect for performing arts, which is why she wants to debunk the notion in the film industry that actors with modelling background are just "glam dolls".

The actor, who has featured in varied projects such as "Made in Heaven" series and Mani Ratnam's two-part magnum opus "Ponniyin Selvan", said her aim has always been to look for complex parts. "When I started out.. I was aware that people know that I come from a modelling background, I was a Miss India. And there is a prejudice against them, that they are glam dolls and they can't perform. "So, I was mindful that I should pick parts that allowed me scope for performance. A lot of my initial decisions were driven by that. I have a deep respect for performing arts and I want to do a good job, and be better every day," the actor told PTI.

Born in Tenali, Andhra Pradesh, Dhulipala was the first runners-up at the Femina Miss India 2013 beauty pageant. She later represented India at Miss Earth 2013 in the Philippines.

The actor made her acting debut with Anurag Kashyap's "Raman Raghav 2.0" in 2016 and later followed it up with movies "Chef" and "Kaalakaandi". "I did not find mainstream opportunities in the very beginning so I was doing work that was coming my way and picking what was best from the lot. But I felt belonging to a variety of canvas was a chance to be visible to larger junta and build stories." —PTI

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